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INTO THE ARCHIVES NO. 29

It seems like everyone is coming to Austria's aid these days! This time we have Len Lakofka, President of IFW and one of the best known writers of Diplomacy strategy and tactics, to tell us how to play our favorite underdog. Len, by the way, is playing Austria in the Grudge Game, and is still right in there as 1904 begins, no mean feat among that bunch of pirates!

THE VIENNESE DILEMMA (Or The Plague of Being Caught in the Middle) by Len Lakofka

The players of Austria and Italy are both plagued with an almost insolvable problem--expansion. Both are threatened by the Eastern and Western steamrollers of Russia-Turkey and England-France. They do not have a clear path of coöperative expansion without running into each other or without causing some interesting cases of passing through each other's normal zones of expansion. Thus, their diplomacy is tied together.

Austria, effectively, has no tactical advantage since she can be raped by three countries in 1901 and can do nothing about it! Any aid for her plight would have to come from the West, and the countries of the West have their own fish to fry. Even if they do come to the rescue, they find Austria in ruin and almost hopelessly broken. The record of past Diplomacy games dramatically shows this fact. Austria is eliminated more than any other power.

Therefore, a discussion of tactical moves by Austria rely on diplomacy and the stab. It is fairly standard for F Tri to go to Alb and A Bud to Ser. An Austria who abandons the Balkans is sure to fall prey to an Eastern power(s). The key for Austria is her strategic piece--A Vie. It must set the tone for Austria's diplomatic mission, for the other pieces are tied to their Spring '01 roles 80% of the time.

A Vie can attack/defend by going to Gal. A Vie can force a fight in the Balkans by going to Bud if he feels Russia will not go to Gal or if he has a Russian ally. It can defend Tri, but it is a poor ploy vs. the Italian onslaught of A Ven-Tyo!, A Rom-Ven. It can make the super defense move of A Vie-Tyo(!), in anticipation of an Italian move to Tyo or as an attack move in cooperation with Italy or a Western power. And finally, A Vie can throw up his diplomatic hands in confusion and HOLD on tight.

The factors that control the movement of the Austrian pieces, played competently, are all diplomatic in nature. Austria's prime concern is to seek a firm understanding with Italy. This understanding should neutralize Tyo and safeguard it against German intervention and neutralize Adr. The goal is to have Italy go west while maintaining interest in mutual defense vs. Turkey. Secondarily, a treaty with Italy to attack Turkey is next on the line of priorities! Why second, and not first?

As Italy goes, so go the other major spheres of influence. If Italy goes east, then two Western powers grow at the expense of the third. If Italy goes west, two Eastern powers grow

at the expense of the third. But if Italy keeps her fingers in both pies, then no dramatic shift should be seen.

If Austria can't obtain a friend in Italy, her problems will be terrific! She has to then gain an alliance with Russia or Turkey vs. the other. Yet this is fraught with problems. Russia and Turkey can be powerful allies, much to Austria's shagrin, and Italy can form an excellent alliance with Russia, and secondarily Turkey, to crash the Austrian homeland to pieces. Note the Italian-Russian alliance is more deadly because it pincers the Austrian homeland while the Turkish-Italian alliance only attacks the Balkans in a pincer.

So if Austria has Eastern allies and/or an alliance with Italy, how can she move?

(1) Ally with Italy, neutral or ally with Turkey, hostile Russia. Her best A Vie move is to Cal to prevent occupation by Russia. Since F Alb-Gre will not be challenged, A Ser can aid in attacks on Rum.

(2) Ally with Italy, neutral or ally with Russia, hostile Turkey. A Vie to bud is favored to allow A Ser to shift to Gre while Ser can harass Bul.

(3) Ally with Italy, neutral Eastern powers. This is a mess-up. A Vie-Bud is favored only if Cal will remain open. It gives you Balkan mobility. A Vie-Cal or Tri(?) does not. A Vie Hold offers the promise of a dull opening with no vigor or momentum. A tepid Austria is fair game!

(4) Neutral Italy, ally with Russia, neutral Turkey. A Vie-Tri has a little favor as a temporary move. A Vie Hold is also adequate. An attack in Italy is not favored because the Turkish direction is unclear.

(5) Semi-hostile to neutral Italy, ally with Russia and Turkey. Now you get to act cute! A Vie-Bud!?, A Bud-Ser, F Tri-Ven! This move interrupts the Italian shift of armies and prevents Italy from acting effectively. A Vie went to Bud because A Ser-Gre, A Bud-Ser may be required.

(6) Hostile Italy, ally with Turkey, neutral Russia. F Tri-Alb, A Vie-Tyo!, A Bud-Ser is almost required. This blocks the most damning Italian opening vs. Austria of A Ven-Tyo, A Rom-Ven. The fleet and army shift to Tri and Tyo may be too bold as A War-Cal could break you wide open.

(7) Hostile Italy, ally with Russia, neutral Turkey. This is getting tough! You can't cover everything, but A Vie-Tyo, A Bud-Ser, F Tri-Alb is probably favored. A Vie-Tri is colorless, but F Tri-Ven, A Vie-Bud, A Bud-Ser or F Tri-Ven, A Vie-Tyo, A Bud-Ser can be played. The latter throws back the Italian aggression but it lays you open to Turkey in Gre or Ser.

(8) Everybody neutral. I don't know either! A Vie Plays By Itself is best, I suppose. It offends no one--well, almost no one!

(9) Hostile Italy and/or hostile Russia or Turkey. Take up bridge playing, seriously. Forget the debate team.

Fall 1901 moves by Austria are usually defensive but some bizarre attacks are open.

(A) From A Ser, A Bud, F Alb,

(1) you can explode with A Bud-Rum supported by A Ser (and hopefully Turkish A bul or F Bla).

(2) F Alb-Ion!, A Ser S A Bud-Rum!

(3) A Ser-Gre, F Alb-Ion, A Bud-Ser.

(B) From A Tyo, F Alb, A Ser,

(1) A Tyo-Pie?!, F Alb-Gre with A Ser supporting. Build F Tri and A Vie.

(2) A Tyo-Ven or Tri is far from outlandish.

(3) A Tyo-Mun is another story entirely.

(C) F Adr, A Tri, A Tyo--How did you get into that position, von Metake?

To conclude this mess we need to observe one giant problem and a few facts. In many Italian wins, we find an early attack on Austria; in many Austrian wins, we find Italy being attacked before 1904. So how do you get Italy to ally? You both need satellite alliances vs. other powers so you can proceed independently and have your final alliance when your foes are out of the way! Therefore, when writing your country preference list--pick England, Turkey or France!

(Note: this is the fifth article we have published concerning the play of Austria, the other articles being in Hossier Archives #6, 24, 56 and 66.)

ARCHIVES CIRCULATION SURVEY

In Hoosier Archives #55, we solicited circulation information from all Diplomacy publishers so that the Diplomacy world might have some idea of the size of the current Diplomacy press. Although the return wasn't as good as we had hoped, we did get enough information to list the current circulation of the majority of all postal Diplomacy 'zines. In some cases, we had to resort to mailing lists and circulation figures printed in the 'zines in question, as well as the results solicited and reported to us. Therefore, since some of the mailing lists we used were up to a year old, in a few cases the figures may not be accurate. Note that if a 'zine isn't listed, it means we couldn't find a mailing list or printed information available and we received no response to our solicitation for information. To make up for this, if any corrections or additions are reported in the next month or so, they will be published in a future Hoosier Archives. Also, if the response is great enough, this survey will be continued as a regular feature.

1. Xenogenic (Peery)	234 ¹	17. Acheron (Pandin)	41
2. Erewhon (Walker)	144	18. Antares (Labelle)	41
3. Craustark (Boardman)	135	19. The Voice (Key/Wrebel)	37
4. Liaisons Dangereuses (Lakofka)	107	20. Platypus Pie (Ver Ploeg)	35
5. Hoosier Archives (Buchanan)	104	21. Diplomat/Aniara (Just)	33
6. Costaguana (von Metzke)	67	22. Saeta (Van Andel)	33(?)
7. Diplephobia (Miller)	65	23. Diplodeur (Johnson)	27 ²
8. Shaaf!!! (Phillips)	65	24. Pacific Diplodeur (Holcombe)	27
9. Smut* (Weber)	60(?)	25. Arena (Birsan)	26
10. ADAG (Naus)	58	26. " " (Massar)	25
11. Atlantis (Schleicher)	55	27. Broddingnag (Ward)	23
12. Boast (Barents)	51	28. En Passant (Warden)	23
13. Pfenning-Halbpfenning (McCallum)	50 ²	29. Daily Planet (Childs)	21
14. The Siberian (Ansoff)	46	30. Ragnarok (Thomson)	16
15. The Greeky Weekly (Reilly)	45	31. Crush!!! (Pettis)	14
16. Marcus (Weidmark)	42		

¹Of this total, 175 go to active players and 20 some go to non-active players.

²The current figure is undoubtedly higher than this by now.

DIPLOMACY CENSUS ADDENDUM

In Hoosier Archives #60, what was believed to be a "virtually complete list of the names and addresses of all currently active postal Diplomacy players" was published. Additions and corrections were also solicited at that time and a good thing it was, too, as the above statement was found to be sorely lacking! Anyway, many people have been good enough to send in additions and corrections--Edi Birsan, John Bashara, Eric Just, Conrad von Metzke, Lew Pulsipher, and Paul Wood, and our thanks go out to all of them. We also have discovered it will be quite a task to keep an up-to-date list of players and we hope that the job can be turned over to a committee of the "NewOrg"! Devious in my support of the "NewOrg," aren't I?

A. Corrections

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THE NEW ORGANIZATION

The ballot for the first election of the "NewOrg" arrived here today. It was a pleasant surprise to note that there are 63 charter members and I assume if anyone else joins in time to send in their ballot for the first election by May 1st, they will be a charter member, too. It is obvious from the list of candidates and their campaign statements, plus the list of charter members, that the "NewOrg" is off to a very good start.

Incidentally, for any of you that might consider voting for your humble editor, he is running for Vice-President/Treasurer as a write-in candidate, and not Ombudsman. There was a mistake made in the ballot to this effect and in my campaign statement mailed today to all the charter members listed, I notified them of my write-in candidacy for Vice-President/Treasurer. If you are considering joining, please let me know, and I will mail you a copy of this statement, too. Oh yes, the most important thing! To join, send \$1.00 (no cash) to Larry Peery at: 816 24th St., San Diego, Cal. 92102. Also, I will be happy to send you a copy of the first issue of the "NewOrg's" zine free. Just let me know.

DIPCON V

DipCon V will be held at the Sherman House on Clark and Randolph in Chicago, July 22 and 23, 1972. Diplomacy fans will be treated to a 49-player Dippy Tournay, OWHI Tournay, seminar for beginners on the Strategy and Tactics of the game, a general business meeting at 9 PM Saturday, and the Presentation Dinner and speech by Allan Calhaver, plus all the bargaining you could possibly want! Contact Len Lakofka, 1806 N. Richmond St., Chicago, Ill. 60647.

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